

Orr Cotton Mills at Work Once More.

The Orr Cotton Mills "started up" again Monday last. The electric power, upon which these mills depended entirely, was cut off the latter part of December last when the dam of the Water, Light and Power Company at Portman Shoals was swept away by the high water. Immediately upon the happening of this disaster, which threw so many families out of work and rendered non-productive so many thousands of dollars of invested capital, President Orr determined to put in an engine of sufficient horse-power capacity to run all of the machinery used. This has now been done, every department is being run, the operatives are happy and contented once more and the stockholders are satisfied and expectant.

A start of most of the machinery was made last Friday at three-fourths of a day's work done, but this was preliminary to test the new engine and boilers. The working of these was found satisfactory, and the stop made Friday afternoon was in order to draw the fires, tighten bolts and bearings and make slight changes preparatory to regular running. This work required one day.

The engine put in to run the vast amount of machinery of these mills is of 1,200 horse-power, and six enormous boilers with furnaces each, are required to furnish the necessary heat. These furnaces are encased in brick side by side, and with their twelve furnaces beneath look as though they could furnish steam enough for all the mills in the County.

In appearance the big engine differs materially in point of construction from any engine ever seen in this section of the country. It is called a steerable engine, from the fact, doubtless, that it is upright and shaped like a stepler. The base of the iron structure is about ten feet square and rises to a height of seventeen or eighteen feet, tapering to about six feet at the top. About ten feet above the base is constructed a square deck or platform, projecting probably four feet from the main structure and raised in. The structure between this deck and the base is, in reality, hollow, in which is placed the crank, eccentric, &c., which move in a mixture of oil and water, serving to both lubricate and cool the journals and bearings. One barrel of oil to three of water is used in this casing at one time, and is kept churned up constantly by the moving of the machinery. Above this deck are placed two cylinders, one above the other, the lower being what is termed the high pressure cylinder and the upper the low pressure cylinder. Only one piston-rod is used which passes through the lower and into the upper cylinder. The circumference of the cylinders is, expressed technically, in inches, 34 by 37 by 22; the rods, 22 by 22. Through the casing, about midway between the base and the deck, runs a steel shafting twelve or fourteen inches in diameter. On the outside of this shafting is the balance wheel, probably fifteen feet in diameter, and on the west side the governor wheel, about eight feet in diameter. This shafting is coupled to the shafting formerly turned by electricity, by double disks, one on each shafting, bolted together. Disconnection can be easily made when the electric power is used or worked in connection with that power if desired.

This arrangement of installing steam power provides effectually against the recurrence of a disaster like the one recently, the effects of which have been so disastrous to so many families; and it places the mills in a position, when the electric power is permanently restored, to enlarge the mills and engage in the manufacture of other kinds of textiles and movement which will doubtless very soon be inaugurated.

The reader will recall the sad accident which resulted in the death of U. H. Scott, engineer from New York, who lost his life shortly after starting work on the Orr Cotton Mills last Monday. This terrible misfortune, which was a short delay, but O. F. Rhodewald, of Pittsburgh, Pa., was sent to take charge of the final construction of the engine and it is now running smoothly and satisfactorily.

The Orr Cotton Mills employ four hundred and fifty operatives, and when the power was cut off by the disaster which occurred at Portman Shoals more than three months ago these operatives were thrown out of work. It was natural to suppose they would seek work elsewhere and move away; but to the contrary all, practically speaking, remained. Only eight families moved away, and when the mill started only one house was vacant. This speaks volumes for President Orr and Superintendent Loflin. It shows a high degree of confidence and consideration on both sides. Some of the operatives had a pretty tough time during the three months of idleness, and nearly all are to some extent in debt, but advances were made in keeping with necessities and not a family suffered. Now that the mill has started again, all will soon be in good shape. Superintendent Loflin says he has the best set of people in the State, and the above facts bear him out.

The school in the village has been well equipped with teachers, and during the shut-down many took advantage of the time and entered school, swelling the attendance from 120 to 180. In addition to the various teachers, Miss Annie Dean and Miss Minnie Kirksey, Rev. B. M. Robinson, the Methodist minister, was employed and paid by the mills as assistant. This school is kept running nine months by the mills supplementing the public funds, which alone would keep it open half the time.

So far as the facts could be ascertained, the people of this village are happy and contented. The general health of the people is fine, due largely perhaps to the sanitary system carried out under the supervision of Superintendent Loflin.

For the benefit of those not posted, it may be said that these mills have 25,470 spindles and 700 draper looms. Sheetings only are made and 40 bales of cotton are manufactured into cloth daily. James L. Orr is President, S. M. Orr Vice President, Calhoun Harris Secretary and assistant Treasurer, J. B. Loflin Superintendent, and Geo. H. Strader cotton buyer and paymaster.

The directors are J. L. Orr, S. M. Orr, N. B. Sullivan, B. F. MacLind, R. S. Ligon, F. G. Brown, Geo. E. Prince, local, and E. P. Smith, of New York.

The various departments of the mill are under capable men, of whom the superintendent speaks in unstinted praise. These are: Weave room, J. A. Lyons; card room, W. F. Young; spinning room, W. A. "Heat; cloth room, B. M. Smith, who, by the way, is a full foot four inches tall. W. P. Snellgrove, former Supervisor of this County, has charge of all outside work pertaining to the general welfare of the village. The big engine is in charge of James T. Greer, an excellent young man and competent engineer, from Greenwood, S. C.

Lowndesville Items.

Rev. J. V. Black will preach in the Presbyterian Church here next Sabbath at 11 o'clock.

Misses Susie and Olive Miller went to Abbeville the past week to visit relatives.

Miss Ida Watson has returned to her home in Anderson, after a pleasant stay of three weeks with her sister, Mrs. Bolin Allen.

Mrs. J. D. Wilson spent last week with relatives in Maffittsville.

Dr. J. L. Fennel returned from the Augusta Medical College last week. He received his diploma of graduation from this college and is now an M. D. Also H. B. Allen received his diploma from the same college, but has not returned home as yet on account of hospital work.

Mrs. T. J. Bowman and Miss Florence Millford went to Abbeville Friday.

Rev. H. C. Fennel attended the graduation exercises of the Augusta Medical College April 1st and 2nd.

Hon. J. "Spit" Huckabee went to Antreville on business last Wednesday.

Dr. J. D. Wilson went to Maffittsville Sunday.

Rev. J. E. Wallace will supply the Presbyterian Church here throughout the summer months.

The election of the Town Council was held April 1st, and the following were elected: F. W. R. Nance, Intendant; W. G. Huckabee, D. K. Cooley, R. H. Mosely and K. J. Hutchison, Wardens.

Mrs. Eula Mai Kay is visiting at Barnes.

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Daniels and E. J. Huckabee took in the Exposition at Charleston last week.

The young men of Lowndesville have organized a base ball team. They expect to practice up and prepare themselves to meet any of the surrounding teams.

Mr. R. E. Mosely, of Anderson, spent Sabbath here with relatives.

Hon. James G. Huckabee and Mrs. A. E. Moorehead spent Sabbath at Latimer with Mr. J. A. Hawthorn's family.

Misses Jennie and Elloise Harper spent a few days last week at Latimer.

Rev. and Mrs. F. W. R. Nance went to Abbeville yesterday. Tobie.

Maffittsville Items.

Mrs. Eliza Wilson, of Anderson, is visiting friends in our community for a few days.

Dr. Wilson, of Lowndesville, spent Sunday with Mr. D. J. Sherard and family.

Miss Sallie Sherard, who visited in Anderson for several days last week, has returned home.

Miss Bettie Stevenson, of Anderson, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stevenson, of Iva.

As a result of the protracted meeting at Bethel Methodist Church held by Rev. Sam Jones, of Knoxville, the roll of membership was increased by eight.

P. D. Sherard is now acting as "night guard" at the chain gang of State convicts.

Rev. W. W. Orr, of Charlotte, N. C., formerly the evangelist for the Association Reformed Synod of the South, will conduct a ten days' meeting at Generetee this Summer.

Dock Mauldin, the genial R. P. D. No. 3, for our route, has been sick for some days. Mr. Hall, his substitute, has been carrying the mail during his illness. Nemo.

Omega News.

The farmers last week made good use of the pretty weather. Much corn has been planted and a lot of ganno has been buried.

Miss Mattie Tripp, who is attending Chocoma College, Greenville, visited her father's family last Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Ariel and son, Thomas, of Piquette County, visited the family of Ross Hendersons the fifth Saturday night.

B. N. Wyatt, J. R. Griffin and Miss Junie Wyatt attended the Union Meeting at Siloam fifth Saturday and Sunday. The report of a good meeting and a pleasant time.

A delightful Easter service was rendered at Fairview on Easter Sunday. An interesting programme was prepared and well carried out. A large crowd was present and all seemed to enjoy it very much. After the services Rev. W. R. Loudermilk, the pastor, preached a very impressive sermon.

Miss Carrie Richey, a fair young lady from near Piedmont, visited the family of her uncle, S. T. Wyatt, last week.

We are sorry to note the illness of Annie Pepper, who has gripped. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Quite a number of our young people enjoyed a surprise party at the home of S. T. Wyatt last Saturday night.

Miss Cleo Richey, of Siloam, visited relatives in our community last Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Jennie Griffin, of Belton, is visiting the family of S. T. Wyatt.

G. N. Wyatt and family visited Mrs. M. C. Holder, at Williamston, Saturday night and Sunday.

The singing at Corinth Sunday afternoon was well attended. Profs. Lesley, Porter and Pickens were present and did some good singing. Blue Stockings.

Card of Thanks.

Anderson, S. C., March 28, 1902.
Dr. R. Luther Parker, Clerk Myrtle Camp, No. 69, W. O. W., Belton, S. C.

Dear Sir: I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the benevolent Order of the Woodmen of the World for the full payment of claim No. 473 of my late husband, Capt. J. F. Robertson, for \$1,000. The kindness and promptness with which they settled this claim is very commendable, and I can't speak too highly of them with the highest praise of this noble Order. Again expressing my gratefulness, I am,
Very sincerely,
(Mrs.) Alice Robertson.

— Long-winded individuals are usually short when it comes to paying their debts.

— Originality usually consists of repeating bright remarks to people who never heard them before.

— A man is always telling his wife that his household expenses are higher than any other man's in town.

Do You Own a Nice Mare?

If so, don't fail to breed her to Nelson E. Green's fine colt, DIAMOND DEE, Reg. No. 35,785, now making the season for a limited number of mares at R. B. Finley's Stables, McGee's old stand, Anderson, S. C. The best bred horse in the South.

Experienced farmers have learned that there is a difference in the shapes and quality of the many Plows now on the market. A great many are imperfectly tempered, of inferior quality of steel, and cannot be used without re-setting and re-shaping. To find the largest assortment of best-selected and most perfect shapes, properly tempered and finished, call on Sullivan Edw. Co.

MILLINERY!

After the rush of Opening Week our Millinery Department is again filled with the prettiest and most attractive Millinery to be found in the city.

Our Opening, March 25th, was another success in every particular. Never before have we had such crowds to visit our Store, and each visitor decided it was the best display of Swell Pattern Hats and Stylish Street Hats that we have had on any previous Opening. So we are very proud of the result, and you will find this department as the others have, thoroughly up-to-date.

WE WANT YOUR MILLINERY BUSINESS.

And we especially invite you to call when in our city, and look through this department, whether you desire to purchase or not.

You will also find our entire Stock of Summer Dress Fabrics—Trimmings, Lawns, Organdies, Muslins, Etc.—far in advance of previous showings, and 'tis your interest to visit us for any of your Summer wants. Quite a variety in the latest Novelties. The latest ideas in Notions, and in every way a complete Stock of up-to-date Goods.

For Oxford Ties, Slippers, Shoes, Etc., we would advise you see our line before purchasing elsewhere.

Remember, you are always welcome to our Store, and we will be glad to show you our different lines at all times.

Write for Samples. Your orders solicited.
Agents for McCall Bazar Patterns.

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Grand Opening Sale of New Spring Goods.
Our New Spring Stock is now Complete.

THIS MAMMOTH STORE is abloom with New Spring Merchandise. Shelves and counters are piled high with the choicest products money and brains could get together. DRESS GOODS, FASHIONABLE SHOES, HATS, CLOTHING, NOTIONS AND GENTS' FURNISHINGS, all on a broader, more lavish scale than any previous Spring since the birth of this mercantile enterprise. We have brought here this season the grandest, most comprehensive Stock of New Spring Goods ever seen in this city.

We invite you to call and inspect the New Goods. The encouragement that comes with success has spurred us on to greater achievements, and this Spring we'll make the welkin ring with values that will turn the full tide of Spring Trade to the doors of the LESSER BIG STORE.

Every article quoted below is 25 per cent less than you can find them priced elsewhere:

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| 20 doz. Ladies Colored Border Handkerchiefs at..... | 1c |
| 15 doz. Ladies White Handkerchiefs, nice quality, worth 5c, at..... | 2c |
| 25 gross nice Pearl Buttons, worth 10c, at per dozen..... | 5c |
| 20 doz. Felt Window Shades on rollers at only..... | 8c |
| 50 dozen Pure Linen Window Shades, worth 35c, at..... | 19c |
| 10 doz. Ladies Steel Rod Parasols, fast black, value 65c, only..... | 39c |
| 5 doz. Ladies Fine Silk Parasols, regular value \$1.50, at only..... | 98c |
| 6 doz. Boys Waists and Shirts, worth 25c each, special..... | 15c |
| One job lot Ladies Leather Belts at only..... | 10c |
| 100 White Counterpanes, ready hemmed, value \$1.25, at..... | 79c |
| 50 doz. Ladies Bleached Gauze Undervests at only..... | 5c |
| 10 doz. Ladies Pompadour Combs at only..... | 10c |
| 5 doz. Childrens White Lawn Caps at only..... | 10c |

WASH GOODS BARGAINS.

With a stock of Wash Goods that cannot be surpassed by any retail Store in this section, and prices ruling under any and all other Stores in this city, we start an April Sale of Fine Wash Goods and White Goods that is unprecedented in this State:

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| Beautiful line Fine Batiste, sheer and exquisite, worth 12½c, at..... | 8c |
| 1000 yards Colored Lawns and Dimity, value 10c, at..... | 8c |
| 2000 yards Remak Colored Dimity at only..... | 3c |
| 1500 yards Engadine Batiste, value 10c, at only..... | 6c |
| 2000 yards New Spring Percales, light and dark ground, value 10c, at..... | 7½c |
| 500 yards Reversible Chambray at only..... | 5c |
| Big line New Ginghams and Madras, special per yard..... | 7c |
| 36-inch Chambray, regular value 12½c, at only..... | 10c |
| 800 yards White Lawn, worth regular 5c, at only..... | 2½c |
| 1000 yards White Lawn, made to retail at 10c, our price..... | 5c |

BLACK DRESS GOODS.

Our Black Dress Goods Department is more popular than ever this season. We are showing the most correct novelties for Spring and Summer wear:

Black Granite Broche Fancy Goods, 40 inches wide, at only..... 20c

48 inch Black Mohair, worth 50c, at only..... 35c

40 inch Black Mohair, worth 55c, per yard..... 25c

NEW SPRING CLOTHING, GENTS' FURNISHINGS, & C.

New Mens Spring Suits, very extra special at..... \$2.25, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.50

New Mens and Boys Caps, value 25c, at only..... 10c

New Gents Four-in-Hand Ties at only..... 10c

New Boys Hats at only..... 10c

New Mens Colored Collars at only four for..... 5c

New line Mens Linen Collars, all sizes and shapes, at only..... 5c

New line Mens Knee Suits, worth \$1.00, at only..... 75c

New line Mens Percale, Madras and Cheviot Shirts, worth 50c, at..... 24c

New line Mens Fancy Socks at only..... 5c

New line Mens White Alpine Hats, worth \$1.00, at only..... 50c

NEW SPRING SHOES AND SLIPPERS.

NEW SPRING MILLINERY.

New line of Chinaware received for Free Premiums.

Ask for Coupons.

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Very Attractive and Practical Designs...

Thereby are enabled to suit most any one in a becoming—

Hat or Bonnet.

We are prepared to supply our friends with the greatest despatch this week. We have engaged several new assistants that we may accommodate the increasing demand of this ever-growing popular department.

We want to sell all prices and classes of Millinery.

Glad to have you to bring us the old material, and with a little new added we make most beautiful and stylish Hats and Bonnets. We receive almost daily—

Ready-to-Wear Hats,

And show quite a line of the Popular Street Hats, Children's Sailors and Baby Caps.

We do the very best work on every hat that we possibly can.

We Sell

Millinery at

Reasonable

Prices.

Our prices certainly are right or we would not send Hats to so many different towns and cities in the State.

We are reaching out for the greatest Millinery business of our history. Every indication insures us of great success. We expect to leave no stone unturned. We want you to visit the department often.

Come this week if possible.

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